BENTON. . MISSOURI TOPICS OF THE DAY.

The Leanings of Justice. The insular decisions thus far show four justices leaning one way, four justices leaning the other way and Justice Brown leaning both ways.

Cane Has 27 Physicians.

No other sovereign in the world has so many physicians as the czar. They number 27 and are all selected from among the medical celebrities of Rus-

Measured a Planet.

Dr. See, of the United States paval observatory in Washington, has just concluded a measurement of the planet Mercury with the large telescope of that institution. Its diameter is found to be 2.658 miles.

Half-Million Copies Sold.

Last year there were sold in En-Wood's "East Lynne," bringing the copyright sales of that book up to 500,000 copies. Few books had so great and so constant a sale as Mrs. Wood's best-known novel.

Pormer Millionaire in Poverty. Robert Johnson, a former millionaire, who owned a handsome mansion at Mount St. Vincent-on-the-Hudson, and 12 years ago was worth \$2,000,coo, is now living in one room of the barn, cooking his own meals, washing his own linen and mending his own clothes.

Woman Owns Immense Ranch.

Mrs. C. N. Whitman, of Denver, owns the largest ranch of any woman in the world. It is located in Texas, near Tascosa, and is called the L. S. ranch, from Lucien Scott, the first owner. The ranch is 30 miles square, and hundreds of cowboys are employed upon it.

Illiterate Voters.

Of 21,329,819 males of voting age in the United States 2,326,295 are illiterate. In other words, one possible voter out of nine is unable to read or write, or to write if able to read. Nearly one-half of all the illiterates in the country are negroes, and about 45 per cent. of all negroes of voting age are illiterate.

Where Economy Comes In.

One of the surprising facts which actual experience with the rural mail delivery has brought out is that it is a great economy compared with the star routes and fourth-class poet offices which it supersedes, the saving by the rural delivery being \$173,040.41 on star routes and \$120,221.43 on post offices discontinued.

Vast Army of Letter Carriers.

According to the latest figures the letter carriers employed in regular delivery of mail in free delivery cities number 16,389. The army of letter carriers is a reality these days—it almost equals the effective peace strength of the regular army up to the time of its enlargement previous to the Spanish war.

To Make Indiana Vote.

ere planning to have about 5,300 Indians living in New York state become voters, but because this right to the franchise would carry with it the payment of taxes on \$7,000 acres of productive farm land many of the Indians, entirely satisfied with exemption from taxation without representation, are opposed to the proposition.

Where Expansion Counts.

The register of the federal office holders just published contains 222,-600 names and does not include the enlisted men in the army and navy. This represents a remarkable increase within two or three years, and almost entirely from the colonial venture growing out of the Spanish war. In the departments at Washington alone there are now 23,100 employes, against 19,446 two years ago.

Stories of the Bible.

Hall Caine, the novelist, states that he is largely indebted for his literary success to the Bible. "I think," he says, "that I know my Bible as few literary men know it. There is no book in the world like it, and the finest novels ever written fall short in interest of any one of the stories it tells. Whatever strong situations I have in my books are not of my creation, but are taken from the Bible.

Growth of Switzerland.

Switzerland is growing fast in numbers and in strength, and its cities are beginning to leap shead in size and power like the industrial centers of Germany and other progressive countries of Europe. The evidence is found in the census of the Swiss nation recently tak n. The latest preceding enumeration was made in 1888. Then the total population was 2.917.754. Now it is found to be 3,312,551. The gain in 12 years was 394.797.

Scully the King of Farmers.

William Scully owns a greater num-United States. Their aggregate area is 200,000 acres. They are worth \$10,-000,000. They are located in central Illinois, western Missouri and Kansas. They represent the accumulation of 50 years of the life of their owner He is the richest farmer in the richest agricultural section in the world His wealth is said to be \$25,000,000. William Scully came to this country shortly after the Mexican war for the purpose of investing his money.

Most people have probably forgot-ten that Jay Cooke, the famous financier who was the financial agent of the government during the rebellion, is still alive. At the age of 80 he is still a hale old man, and he feels that all his predictions were justified when Northern Pacific stock, common, recently sold at par. It was his confidence in the securities of this road which led to the ernsh in 1873 which carried Jay Cooke off his feet as a great financial power and disconlited him before the world.

Scott County Teicher. TOPICS OF THE DAY

NEWS PROM EVERYWHERE. FIFTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS.

In the senate, on the 9th, the chief incident of the open session was on acrimonious contention between Senators McLaurin and Tillman, of South Carolina, the direct sequel of a very bitter controversy which arose between them in their own state last spring. Mr. Hoar took occasion to remark that in his opinion both the South Carolina seats were vacant as the result of their resignations tendered to the governor and which he declared became immediately operative and could not be withdrawn. The cuisode was prought to an abrupt close by Senator Lodge moving an executive session...... The house was not in session.

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In the sonate, on the 10th, the onen session was devoted to routine business such as the presentation of petitions, memorials and bills. The senate then aent into executive session, on motion of Senator Lodge, who has charge of the Hay-Pauncefore treaty, and at 1:35 o. m. adjourned...... In the house, Speaker Honderson announced the appointment of the committees. A general speech on the Philippines was delivered by ex-Speaker Galusha A. Grow, Ph.). Mr. Burke (S.D.) formally announced the death of Senator Kyle and as a mark of respect the house adjourned.

adjourned.

In the senate, on the 11th, very little business was done. Rev. Herrick Johnson, of Chicago, offered the prayer in the absence of Chaplain Milburn. House concurrent resolution providing for a holiday adjournment from December 19 until January 8, 1802, was referred to the committee on appropriations. At 12:22 p. m. the senate, on motion of Mr. Lodge, went into executive session to further consider the Hay-Pauncefot treaty....., The house was not in session.

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In the senate, on the 12th, it was agreed to take a vote before adjournment on the 18th, on the new Hay-Pauncefote treaty for the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and opening the way for the construction of a canal across the isthmus of Panama by the United States. This agreement was reached after four hours of debate, sufficiently interesting to insure the constant attendance of most of the sonators. The house was not in session on the 12th.

The senate was not in session on the 13th... In the house the bill to temporarily provide revenue for the Philippine islands was reported by Mr. Payne, and, by unanimous consent, an order for the consideration of the bill on the 17th and 18th was adopted, general debate to close at four o'clock of the 18th, when the bill is to be placed on its passage. The official announcement of the death of the late Representative Brosius, of Pennsylvania, was made by Mr. Cassel, his successor, and the house adjourned until the 17th.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

The Nicaraguan minister of foreign relations, Senor Sanchez, and Wm. L. Merry, United States minister to Nicaragua, Salvador and Costa Rica, have signed a protocol for a treaty which provides for the admission of flour, wines under 14 degrees, fresh and dried fruits and preserved products, from the United States into Nic-

uragua free of duty.
On the 14th R. G. Dun & Co., of New York, reported failures for the week numbering 273 in the United States. against 240 last year, and 17 in Can-

ada, against 26 last year.

The United Metals Selling Co. which disposes of the products of the copper mines controlled by the Amal- track, but all the others were de-

Mai George L. Scott, Tenth cavalry, has been detailed by Secretary Root as acting Indian agent at the Leech Lake agency, Walker, Minn., relieving Capt. William A. Mercer, Seventh cav-

The appellate division of the supreme court of New York announced a decision, on the 13th, refusing to advance on the court calendar the ease of Dittmar against the Gould trustees-the De Castellane case.

Secretary Root has submitted to recommends this permanent establishment.

It appears that Mr. Carnegie's \$10,-United States Steel corporation, and effect, make it a party to a system which it is desired to curtail.

Riotous scenes occurred at Northampton, England, on the 12th, when hundreds of shoe operatives demon strated against the use of the nev shoe lasting machines. The operatives threw mud and stones at the house of one of the leading manufacturers.

The fire in the Lowry-Goebel store in Cincinnati, on the 12th, destroyed all documentary evidence collected by Arthur Goebel in the Goebel murder

It is probable that when the Chinese exclusion act comes up for re-enzetment in congress it will have an amendment attached providing for the deportation of all known members of

highbinders' socities. tional council of the Grand Army of the Republic, a its meeting in Chicago, on the 12th, decided to hold the next annual encampment in Washington. Dedication of the Sherman monument will be one of the fea-

Under a ruling of the interior de-partment those who drew homesteads in the Kiowa-Comanche land drawing can not transfer them until complying with all the requirements after an occupation of five years and

of the homestead law. "Reddy Roach," the street car poet writer of the "Spotless Town' rhymes, is dead. News of his death comes from Montreal, where he had one to make a contract for supplying Canadian advertisers with rhyme

The Baltimore Herald says that Capt. James Parker, who was one of Admiral Schley's counsel before the court of inquiry, is engaged in the collection of material for a biography of Admiral Schley, which he proposes to write.

James A. Harris, aged 67 who went to sleep, at Peoria, Ill., on the morning of November 7 and had been unconscious almost continually ever since, died on the 13th. He was

The Amsterdam correspondent of St. Louis branch of Swift & Co., pack-the London Daily Express says that ers, died suddenly at the home of his Queen Wilhelmins and Prince Henry of the Netherlands, her husband drove in an open carriage through Appledorn on the 13th.

By a judicial construction of the will of Cornelius Van Shaick Roose-velt, who died in New York in 1887, President Theodore Roosevelt, who is a nephew of the testator, will inherit s fortune of between \$100,000 and

The grand jury, at Norfolk, Va., which has been investigating alleged fraud in the November election, on the 13th, brought in 13 indictments against election judges and clerks. Three of the men indicted are members of the city council.

Near Columbus, Neb., on the 13th, Thomas Cogun, a farmer, was frozen to death. He had been to town and, returning, was overcome by the cold when but a short distance from his

The joint committee of the two of congress, appointed to make the necessary arrangements for a memorial service in honor of the late President McKinley, held a meeting, on the 13th, and decided to invite Secretary of State John Hay to be the orator.
Edward Chilton, of Herman, N. Y.,

some cash, to Harry Chilton, his brother. Laura Bullion, the confessed confederate of Ben Kilpatrick, the alleged Great Northern train robber, was sentenced by Judge Adams, in the United States court, at St. Louis, on the 13th, to five years' imprisonment in the federal penitentiary at Leave

who was married less than a year ago to Mamie Cramer, has traded off

his wife for an interest in a thresh-

ing machine and other chattels, with

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

enworth, Kas.

The four-story apartment building, known as the Olinger flats, at the corner of Indiana avenue and Thirtyfifth street, Chicago, was burned at an early hour on the 15th. The 60 tenants, most of whom were asleep, were aroused by the dense smoke, and many narrow escapes from death were spectacular and exciting. Much suffering was caused by exposure to the intense cold in scant attire.

Failure on the part of a conductor to obey orders is supposed to have been the cause of a collision on the Illinois Central railroad, between Irene and Perryville, Ill., early on the morning of the 15th. The two trains were the east-bound passenger train No. 4 and a through freight from Chieago going west. As a result eight persons were killed and eleven in-

A wreck occurred on the Great Northern railway, near Essex, in the Rocky mountains, at two o'clock, on the morning of the 15th, in which eight persons were killed. The engine, mail car and smoker remained on the gamated Copper Co., announced a re- railed. Some cars were overturned duction of 14 cents in the price of and all were more or less wrecked. copper on the 13th. The accident was due to rails spread-

> William L. Farland, the founder of Butte, Mont., died on the 15th, of pucumonia, aged 67 years, Farlant, in the '60's, located many of the big mines of Butte, built the first silver mill and produced the first bar of bullion. He was associated with United States Senator Clark in many mining deals during the early days of the camp.

Among the telegrams Mr. Rayne has received since the publication of President Roosevelt and Gov. Odell the house an estimate of \$500,000 for a the findings of the Schley court of permanent military post in the vi- inquiry was one from a gentleman, cinity of Manila, to accommodate who asked that his identity be kept squadrons of cavalry and two bat. the necessary expenses attending a teries of artillery. He says that Gen. further prosecution of the case. The offer was declined.

The house of Thomas B. Southworth, of Ovid, Mich., was destroyed 000,000 offer for the extension of higher education is in bonds of the ligher education is in bonds of the light. Southworth was burned to death. She had risen to the acceptance of the trust by the build the kitchen fire, and, being 75 government in that shape would, in years old and nearly blind, it is supposed she set her clothes ablaze.

In 24 hours, ending on the 16th, the temperature at Lima, O., dropped Com 56 above zero to 8 below

CURRENT NEWS NOTES.

Prof. William R. Harper, of the University of Chicago, declines to necept the directorship of international

Hundreds of cattle are dying in northwest Missouri from the effects of eating worm-infested corn nub-

It is reported that United States

financiers are to be sounded as to the possibility of placing a \$100,000,000 Russian loan in this country. Alphone Levy, United States cus-

toms inspector, at Galveston, Tex., was killed by being run over by a railroad train. Miss Helen M. Gould declares she

received no invitation to attend the meeting of the World's fair board of lady managers in New York. The tow boat R. A. Speed and two barges were destroyed by fire at Ten-

nessee island, opposite Paducah, Ky. A summary of the commerce of the Philippine islands for the third quarter of the current year shows the United States to be second in the

lists of exporting and importing na-A fatal epidemic is prevailing at Centralia, Mo., among children, and the public schools are temporarily

closed. Several children died the past Rear-Admiral Schley has declined roposition to lecture for \$500 a night over a circuit to cover 40 nights. Mona Brown, 16 years of age, who ran away from her home, in San Antonio, Tex., is under detention at St.

Robert Shamblin, aged 28, a runner for the People's bank at Mobile, Ala. and a package containing \$6,000, are

wife's parents in Muncle, Ind. Frank Cannon and Will Kelly, both negroes, were hanged at Helena, Ark., Friday, for the murder, last July, of Isaac Lane and his wife, negroes, on

of dwellings and places of public resort in Madison, Ill., Dr. R. H. Baker, a member of the Illinois state board of health, announced the discovery of the line in that city.

Island 66, in the Mississippi.

Albert Farring attempted to board a southbound freight train at Red Bud, Ill., but missed his footing and fell, breaking his back. He died in a few minutes.

LATEST NEWS FROM MISSOUBI.

"Athene" Began Karly in Life. The underground sleeper who calls himself Carl Atheno, but really is Fritz McManigle, lived in Aurora Lawrence county, a number of years in his boyhood days, where his father was one of the best known local physicians. Before leaving Aurora, Frits had developed into quite a hypnotist, and was in the habit of trying his have half a dozen youngsters under the "influence" at the same time, per-forming all sorts of ridiculous things.

Will Elect New Doctors. The board of managers of the state insane asylum at Fulton will meet December 30 to elect new physicians to succeed Dr. W. Ray, superintendent; Drs. Emil Thielman, E. T. Tincher and W. E. Reily. When Gov. Stephens was inducted into office he changed the Fulton asylum medical staff from allopathie to homeopathic. It is given out semi-officially that the school of medicine will be changed back to the allopaths. A new ice and electric plant to cost \$12,000 will be erected at the asylum.

Next Meeting at Columbia. The Missouri Improved Live Stock Breeders' association at Chillicothe elected the following officers: President. T. F. B. Sotham, Chillicothe; vice president, W. P. Harned, Bunce ton: secretary, Hays Walker, Kansas city; treasurer, J. C. Hall. The executive committee of the Allied State Industrial association decided that the next meeting should be held at Columbia, the first Tuesday after the first Sunday in January, 1903.

One Negro Made Happy. William Favors, the negro arrested last August charged with complicity in the murder of Miss Gazelle Wild at Pierce City, for which three negroes were lynched, was released from jail at Kansas City on telegraphic orders from the prosecuting attorney of Lawrence county, who said there was no evidence against Favors.

Cook's Sensational Charge. Secretary of State Sam B. Cook investigation was E. O. Brown, of Carthage, W. H. Phelps' law partner. Cook said that Frank P. Walsh knew when he brought suit for Cardwell ing the only woman ever tried for that Col. Phelps would have it called murder in the county.

At the state poultry show in Chil-licothe last week Mrs. Della Maxwell, struction of a new post office build-struction of a new post office build-ing at St. Louis, to be devoted ex-Woman Won the Medal. given by the association for the two best hens, two best pullets, two best cocks and two best cockerels. She must win the cup twice in order to the construction of the building, inmake it her property permanently.

Alleged Violation of Law.

Twelve informations were filed against the superintendent of the Kansas & Texas coal mines at Ardmore and Bracer, charging him with violating the miners' eight-hour law. The Kansas & Texas mines are the largest in the county and are opera-1 ted by non-union men.

One of the books on the holida market is by a former Missouri girl whose father was at one time super intendent of schools in Jefferson City. Carey Shannon Meriwether is the writer's name, and the book is en-

titled "Heart Treasures." Each to Have a Badge

The grizzled veterans at the confederate home in Higginsville are soon to be pleasantly remembered by the local Daughters of the Confederacy. Each of the 86 is to be presented a badge in the shape of a southern cross of honor.

Water from Current River. With only 1,000 inhabitants Doni phan has voted \$15,000 in bonds for a waterworks plant. The water will be taken from Current river.

Natural Gas Near Lees Summit. A strong flow of natural gas has een discovered at a depth of 18 feet, 21/2 miles east of Lees Summit in Jackson county.

Marshall Votes to Improve. Marshall voted \$70,000 for water works and electric light plant and the victory was celebrated with fireworks

Voted for New Courthouse. At a special election bonds for \$60,-000 were voted by Grundy county to build a new courthouse and jail at

Trenton. He Was Kind to Posterity. A. D. Haworth, who died at Mober y, aged 82, left a wife and 11 children,

Made Tobacco in Missouri. W. N. Tinsley, for 50 years a tobacco manufacturer, died recently in Louisiana. He was president of the Tinsley Tobacco company in that city which recently sold to the tobacco

trust for \$250,000.

Dockery Merciful to a Negro. Gov. Dockery has commuted life imprisonment the sentence George Clay, a negro under sentence to hang January 24 at Gallatin, the governor's home town. Clay killed another negro in a crap game.

An unused planing mill at Twentythird street and Broadway, in Kansas City, was destroyed by fire of un-known origin the other night, includ-ing valuable machinery. Loss, \$30,000. **Fully insured.**

Mrs. Linnie Robertson, of Moberly, who is attending a business college at Sedalia, swallowed a quantity of face lotion, mistaking the bottle for one that contained medicine. The phyticians saved her life by hard work.

Would Give Thom Up. Congressman DeArmond, of Butler, who recently returned from the
Philippien islands, said in an interview: "The Philippines are an odd
mixture of good and bad; they contain rich land—picturesque wastes.
In places the climate is not bad,
though everywhere enervating and for
many dangerous, if not deadly. The and was in the habit of trying his powers in that line upon everything that came his way. He would often have half a dozen youngsters under tropical lands, the dark races can be the fit abiding place of the white man. Like all tropical lands, the dark races can tropical lands, the dark races can only dwell there permanently. Open-ings may be found for American cap-ital and enterprise just as they might be found in the tropical re-gions of America." "For the great American masses," he declared, "the Philippines offer nothing but an increase of the burdens of taxation, a fast-growing pension roll and many untimely deaths." He says the Fill-

> ured by the American standard. Champ Clark's Primary Scheme. From his headquarters at Louisiana Congressman Champ Clark has inaugurated a move which his managers hope will result in a senatorial primary. The plan is to have a petition circulated in every school district in the state and signed by democrats generally, asking the state committee to call a primary for the selection of a democratic candidate for the United States senate. Edward A. Glenn, for Mr. Clark, is sending out thousands of letters with blank forms for the petitions.

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War on Columbia Drug Stores. War on illegal liquor selling by drug stores and open saloons on Sundays has been declared at Columbia. All ministers have preached on the ques-tion. Rev. C. H. Winders, of the Christian church, charged negligence in enforcing the law; Rev. W. W. Elwang, of the Presbyterian church, declared that every drug store violated the law and that it was a matter of public knowledge.

Woman Acquitted of Murder. At Lynn, a jury selected to try Florence Reynolds, charged with murdering a little boy named Horace said the man who paid W. O. Card-Gibbs, whom she procured last Feb-well 87,500 to call off the legislative ruary from the Christian Orphans' home in St. Louis, brought in a verdict of not guilty. The case created great excitement, Mrs. Reynolds be-

> For Post Office at St. Louis. Congressman Bartholdt has introclusively to the business of the post office department. The bill provides for the appropriation of \$500,000 for

cluding the purchase of the site. Aged Missourian at White House. A recent Washington dispatch said: "Andrew J. Harlan, of Savannah, Mo., aged 92, called at the white house and personally urged the president to appoint his daughter postmaster at Savannah. Harlan was a member of congress 52 years ago and personally knew Henry Clay and other great men of those days."

Famous Mexican War Veteran. Col. John Doniphan, a prominent figure from Missouri in the Mexican war, who served with his uncle, Gen. A. W. Doniphan, in the signally successful campaigns against Mexicans and Indians, was dying at his home in St. Joseph. Col. Doniphan is 80 years for some time.

Pike College Burned. Pike college at Bowling Green was destroyed by fire with almost all the contents. The loss was about \$15,000. The school will be continued as soon as rooms can be fitted up to receive classes and the college will be rebuilt.

Handkerchief from Mrs. Roosevelt At a Methodist church bazar in Boonville dainty pocket handker-chiefs from Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt and Mrs. Carrie Nation were sold.

Has Interesting Recollections. R. J. Dale, now 81 years of age, is still living quietly in Carthage, on the very spot where 60 odd years ago he saw wild deer roam at will.

Benton, of Missouri, introduced bill for the construction of federal buildings at Nevada and Carthage at a cost of \$10,000 each.

Fire in the Hotel Huckins at Sedalia caused a panic among the guests, but nobody was injured. The fire loss was small.

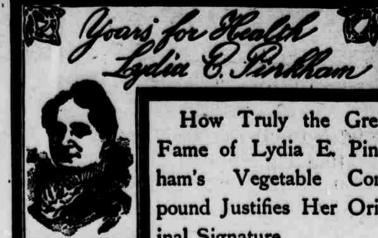
Invested \$84,000 in Farm Land. R. H. Kern, of St. Louis, has purhased 2,100 acres of farm land in Macon county, paying \$40 an acre.

Rescued a Young Girl. Mary Newland, aged 14, was taken out of a house of ill-repute in Atchson. Kan., and sent to her grandfather at Bigelow, this state. Although only 14 years of age, the girl has been married and is separated from her husband.

Cash in Linn County Banks. The bank statements show that there is a total of \$1,505,668.43 depos-ited in the banks of Linn county. This is by far the largest sum ever reported for the county.

Was Hunting on Sunday. James Spencer, brother of Sheriff Martin Spencer, of St. Joseph, and cousin of Judge O. M. Spencer, accidentally shot himself while hunting on an island in the Missouri river near Amazonia.

David J. Knabler, who for 80 years had been a resident of Buchanan county, and who had developed into one of the largest breeders of fine cattle in the state, died at his home



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It has cured more cases of Backache and Leucorrhea than any other remedy the world has ever known. It is almost infallible in such cases. It dissolves and expels tumors from the Uterus in an early stage of development, and checks any tendency to cancerous humors.

Irregular, Suppressed or Painful Menstruation, Weakness of the Stomach, Indigestion, Bloating, Flooding, Nervous Prostration, Headache, General Debility quickly yields to it.

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It quickly removes that Bearing-down Feeling, extreme lassitude, "don't care" and "want-to-be-left-alone" feeling, excitability, irritability, nervousness, Dizziness, Faintness, sleeplessness, flatulency, melancholy or the "blues," and backache. These are sure indications of Female Weakness, or some derangement of the Uterus, which this medicine always cures.

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No other female medicine in the world has received such widespread and unqualified endorsement. No other medicine has such a record of cures of female troubles.

Those women who refuse to accept anything else are re-warded a hundred thousand times, for they get what they want —a cure. Sold by Druggists everywhere. Refuse all substitutes. SASKATCHEWAN, WESTERN A Good Tackle.

"GARDEN OF EDEN," By a Former Resident of Reed City.

CANADA, IS CALLED THE

Michigan. In a letter to the Reed City, Michigan, Clarion, Mr. James C. Arm-

strong, of Meltford, Saskatchewan, says, writing on 27th May, 1901: "This is a fine country for a poo man, as he can go out on the hay slews and cut all the hay he needs. He turns his cattle out on the prairie, and when he is not using his horses, he turns them out also. There is such an abundance of food, they never wander away.

"A lady, who has lived here eight years, told me that this was the original 'Garden of Eden.' I certainwould believe it, if we could only find the apple trees. But as it is we have many varieties of fruitstrawberries, cranberries, saskatoons, huckleberries, red and black currants, dewberries, plums, red and black cherries, and red raspberries. All of these fruits grow wild. Then the flowers that dot the prairies, making them look like a real garden. We have caten of the wild red currants, and they are equal if not superior to those grown in Michigan. We have sweet corn 71/2 inches high. As the western farmers are all done shearing are now progressing. Wool is only five cents a pound, and many ranchers have on hand last year's elip. I inclose you a potato blosso slice of new potato, which measured 61/2 inches when cut. This is no fairy tale, if we are so much farther than Reed City. It is all facts. Come up and see. This has been truly called the 'Garden of the West.' With fruits and flowers, lakes and

ers, tracts of timber and mountains, what more does a man want?" Information concerning Western Canada will be cheerfully given by communicating with the agent of the Government of Canada, whose adver-

of the season (in ten colors) six beautiful heads (on six sheets, 10x12 inches), reproductions of paintings by Moran, issued by General Passenger Department, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, will be sent on receipt of twenty-five cents. Address F. A. Miller, General Passenger Agent, Chicago.

Piso's Cure is the best medicine we ever used for all affections of the throat and lungs.—Wm. O. Endsley, Vanburen, Ind. Feb. 10, 1900.

The more reasons there are why a man abould save money the less likely he is to save it.—Atchison Globe.

THE MARKETS.

RYE-No. 2
TORACCO-LURR 3 50
HAY-Clear Leaf Burley 4 50
HAY-Clear Timothy 11 00
HUTTER-Choice Dairy 15
BACON-Clear Rib
EGG8-Fresh
PORK-BindardMess(new) 16 10
LARD-Choice Stems 9%
CATTLE-Native Steers 5 00
HOGS-Fair to Choice 5 78
SHEEP-Fair to Choice 5 78
SHEEP-Fair to Choice 3 25
SHEEP-Fair to Choice 3 25
WHEAT-No. 3 Spring Patents 3 55
WHEAT-No. 2 Red 50
CORN-No. 2 666
OATS-No. 3 15 50
PORK-Mess
KANEAS CITY. FLOUR-High Grades 500
ATS-No. 2
AY-Choice
RK-Sinndard

"Did I make a good tackle?" asked the football player, looking from his cot in the hospital.
"Yes," replied the nurse, "you bit off one ear and two fingers and broke three legs."
"Thank heavens!" murmured the football player, lapsing again into unconsciousness.
—Ohio State Journal.

Persons contemplating a journey East of West should be careful that the rates paid for their transportation do not exceed those charged by the Nickel Plate Road.

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"An indefinable sense of danger or of something dreadful about to happen is pursuing me," said young Mr. Dolley.
"O, you're all right," replied Spatts, "Laws for the protection of lobsters will be enacted this winter. Cheer up."—Detroit Free Press.

Largest in the World. Walter Baker & Co., Limited, Dorchester, Mass., are the largest manufacturers of cocoa and chocolate in the world. They received a gold medal from the Paris

exposition of last year.

This year they have received three gold medals from the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo. Their goods are the standard for purity

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Another shippard is to be erected on Lake Michigan near St. Joseph. The world-famous Dicsel engine is to be built at South Worcester, Mass. Twenty-seven-hour trains are hereafter to be the rule between New York

An immense 12,000-ton hydraulie forging press is to be erected in the streams, fish and fowl, beautiful riv-

The possibilities of wireless telegraphy were predicted by James Brown Lindsay, of Dundee, Scotland, in 1834. The Texas authorities are about toestablish a system whereby 4,000 convicts can be employed on 5,000 acres of sugar cane land.

A canal is being agitated from the Mississippi river, along the coast of Texas, to the Rio Grande, six feet deep and 60 feet wide, at an estimated cost of A railroad building fever has broken out in California and 500 miles of road

are to be constructed, starting at San Francisco and connecting with San Joaquin, 200 miles, and other cities is central California.

NEW CURE FOR RHEUMATISM. Hester, Mo., Dec. 16 .- An unusual case which has recently come light here is exciting the keenest in-terest among medical men. Mrs. El-lepor Guardhouse suffered for over forty years with Sciatic Rheumatism so severely and so constantly that her case has been regarded as chronic and absolutely incurable. At times

the pain was almost unbearable and she could not rest day or night. Some few months ago she was in duced to try Dodd's Kidney Pills, a remedy recently introduced in this neighborhood. The immediate results were magical and she continued till she had taken eight boxes, and now she declares she has not an ache or pain left. She believes that she is pletely and permanently oured and as she has not used the pills for some months and is to-day in the best of health the doctors, v

